

project. Through his generosity, the young residents of Brush learned that it is better to give than to receive.

Orin LaGree's business boosts the local economy, but its true measure is found in the great lengths of generosity and community support it provides. Brush Market is truly a prized asset of the Brush community. I hold Mr. LaGree up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining example of the best of America's businesses. He exemplifies the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FATHER
JOHN P. KLEIN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated more than 20 years to making our community a better place. On June 13, 1998, the family of Saint Agnes Parish will host a mass and dinner honoring Father John P. Klein, Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish as he follows the Lord's calling to serve at St. Gerard's Parish in Lansing.

Father John was ordained in 1978 and began his illustrious career as Associate Pastor at St. Robert's Parish in Flushing then at Good Shepard in Montrose. He was then called to serve as the Administrator of St. Michael's Parish in Flint in 1980. In 1984, he was named Pastor of St. Agnes Parish. Father John additionally heads the Flint Catholic Ministry which operates the Dukette Catholic School.

Since his assignment in 1984, Father John has been such an effective advocate for low income and minority individuals. He has promoted several programs designed to provide a safe environment for our young people. Father Klein has also graciously shared the facilities of St. Agnes with many of its neighbors regardless of religious affiliations. Parish-sponsored programs like The Food Pantry serve between 150–200 families per month. Cornerstone, a nonprofit organization, leases the former Middle School in order to provide programs for adults with severe disabilities. The Genesee Intermediate School district utilizes the former convent to serve students with special needs.

During the last 14 years, Father John has been influential in the renovation of the church, the convent, and the rectory. The landscaping and ground beautification programs that were overseen by Father John were recognized with several "Civic Pride" awards from the City of Flint and the Flint Board of Education. Father John is also responsible for implementing energy conservation programs which have saved thousands of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to acknowledge the fine work of Father John P. Klein. His dedication to providing food, clothing, shelter, education and transportation to anyone, at any time, without hesitation or discrimination serves as a fine example for us all. I respectfully request my colleagues in the 105th Congress to join me in wishing Father John well at his new post. While we may be losing a

dear friend, we know that Father John has left a legacy that we can all be proud of.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 65TH
ANNIVERSARY OF GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 65th anniversary of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church was founded by a dedicated group of people on June 25, 1933. Pastors Herbert Blickensderfer, Otto Herring, James Eckert and Shari Ayers have blessed Gloria Dei Lutheran Church over the past 65 years with commitment and inspiration.

During the past 65 years, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has served the community with open arms through organizations such as the Boys Scouts of America, The Martha Society, TOPS, AA, Habitat for Humanity, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Job Search and Career Transitions.

The following is the mission statement of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight (1998), we the people of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church "Empowered by God's Spirit as forgiven sinners" we seek to be:

A witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ we celebrate in word and Sacrament,

A haven for believers and non-believers,

A servant to our community, and

A catalyst of hope and faith for new possibilities.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has been an integral institution in the city of Cleveland from its very beginnings. Parishoners and Cleveland area residents can look forward to the many great contributions to the community that Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will make into the next millennium.

HONORING CHUCK AND RUTH
LYNCH

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two of my constituents for their business excellence and a commitment to public service. Lifetime residents of Logan County, Colorado, Chuck and Ruth Lynch believe in their hometown of Sterling. After serving 36½ years as Field Superintendent of the North Sterling Irrigation District, and as former President of the Four States Irrigation Council, Chuck "retired."

Today, and for the past 5½ years, the Lynchs have owned and operated the only dry cleaning establishment in Sterling, New Method Cleaners, and are very involved community members. Both Chuck and Ruth have been Co-commanders of the Berean Church's International Awana Youth Program for twelve years. Ruth is also a medical technician for two ophthalmologists in town. They are both

proud members of the community who believe that small businesses strengthen small communities.

It is for these reasons I happily rise today to honor Chuck and Ruth Lynch. I hold them up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining examples of the best of America's businesses. They exemplify the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

HONORING ROBIN FULLER, DIANE
HEGWOOD, MIRANDA HOYLE AND
TRACY POTTER

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute a group of outstanding young women from my district who have been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by the Kickapoo Council of Girl Scouts in Peoria, Illinois. The following four girls received this award: Robin Fuller of Troop 438; Diane Hegwood of Troop 1000; and Miranda Hoyle and Tracy Potter, both individuals of the council.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement award in the Girl Scouts. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Award can be earned by girls age 14–17 or by girls in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scouts Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill the following requirements: (1) earn four interest project patches; (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin; (3) earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award; and (4) design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

Robin Fuller began work on her Girl Scout Gold Award in 1996. She completed her project by training the local library staff on how to use the Internet. The remainder of her project was to train patrons of the library with the skills needed to use the Internet.

Diana Hegwood began to work on her Girl Scout Gold Award in 1995. She completed her project by creating a story time for young children at the public library. The goal of the project is to encourage literacy by reading to the children. In addition to reading, Diana also created fun and educational activities for children.

Miranda Hoyle and Tracy Potter began working on their Gold Scout Gold Award in 1996. Miranda and Tracy completed their project by creating a video about all aspects of Girl Scouting. This video will be used as a recruitment tool to present the world of Girl Scouting to girls who are currently not involved.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for all of these young women, and I believe they should all receive